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Investigation on the impact of swimming on children with ADHD

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Abstract Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) represents a neurological condition that often affects children between the ages of two and three and twelve or thirteen and is linked with deficits in social, emotional, and cognitive development. The effectiveness of alternative therapy for this illness is mostly unknown. The possibility of using exercise as a treatment for ADHD in children has gained popularity in recent years. The study looked into how adaptive swimming affected the academic achievement, cognitive functioning, and associated behaviours in Indian children diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. At the time of the study, children with ADHD ranged in age from nine to twelve. They were split up into test and control groups at random. Reading and math abilities were evaluated before and after the intervention using the hailing exam. At the same time, cognitive function was measured using the Children's Behaviour Checklist (CBCL) to evaluate ADHD-related behaviours. The outcomes showed that the experimental therapy group outperformed the control group in terms of behaviour management and academic achievement. They provide preliminary support for the hypothesis that adaptive swimming benefits brain function, behaviour, and educational outcomes. Practitioners may be able to utilize the findings of this study as early evidence in favour of alternative treatment methods. The results also support that engaging in physically active hobbies might help children with ADHD.

Keywords: (ADHD), children's behaviour checklist (CBCL), additional thinking time (ATT)

1. Introduction

One of the most frequent neurological conditions affecting children is attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is characterized by impulsivity, hyperactivity, and inattention. These attributes can lead to cognitive impairments such as episodic memory, inhibition control, and concentration deviation. These characteristics can cause problems in a range of social contexts and usually manifest before the age of seven. The study looked at how a recreational swimming program affected children aged nine to twelve who had indications of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. This included examining how it affected the children's cognitive abilities, school performance, and disruptive actions (Hattabi et al., 2022). They sought to thoroughly examine the quantitative findings of RCTs examining the advantages of sports therapies among children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder globally in order to provide reliable medical guidance in healthcare settings. There have been few endpoint indications in most prior studies of children with ADHD, and the indicators that had been incorporated were narrow (Sun et al., 2022). Psychological youngsters who drift, 32% suffered a 'close encounter' involving submerged they were in or near water unsupervised when located. Many of these families claim their children stayed absent for a sufficient duration to generate alarm and significant psychological distress. Still, data on the benefits of swimming and pool classes for children with autism spectrum disorder are few to nonexistent (Mische Lawson et al., 2019). This investigation was conducted with the particular objective of learning more about how utilization affects each of the three core EF components in children with ADHD. This sets it opposed to previous studies that haven't concentrated on those specific aspects of the executive function (Barudin-Carreiro et al., 2022). Throughout thirty-two days of swimming instructions, the investigators again noted considerable gains in both groups' swimming abilities. Together, these findings imply that even if adapted learn-to-swim programs are implemented in various ways, small or unique initiatives increase swimming abilities among children with ASD. Consequently, the purpose of this investigation was to assess the effectiveness of the Icon Swimming program in teaching swimming to adolescents and children with an autism spectrum disorder. Individual influences on swimming proficiency were also investigated (Munn et al., 2021). They provide preliminary support for the hypothesis that

adaptive swimming benefits brain function, behavior, and academic outcomes. Practitioners may be able to utilize the findings of this study as early evidence in favour of alternative treatment methods.

To verify if physical activity therapies can improve cognitive performance in children with ADHD, extensive scientific research is required. To get additional insight into how PA affects inhibitory function in children with ADHD, controlled, randomized experimentation should be used in future research (Wang et al., 2023). Physical activity helps children with ADHD because it improves their ability to use executive functions. However, while considering PA as an additional therapy option, it is important to consider the cognitive demands of PA (Welsch et al., 2021). The potential to improve ejection fraction in children with ADHD is promising, while research in this area is mixed with limited success. Social modifications, particularly in educational institutions, need to adopt more rigorous research methods in the future. Children with ADHD appear to benefit from motor-based therapies. Low Graded confidence needs further research studies (Kleeren et al., 2023). Unique psychological Potential mediators of the SES-ADHD route have been looked at, and these include social and behavioral indicators (Isbel et al., 2020). Despite this, little research has achieved the ability to draw definitive inferences about the impact of this intermediary on the process due to the moderately high risk of bias present in these research efforts (Markham and Spencer, 2022). The study's decisions, which provide medical facilities with rehabilitation possibilities, special education teachers, occupational therapists, physical education instructors, and family members, may guide future research into improving the Financial Management Services of children with ADHD/ASD (Ye et al., 2023). The participation of parents' emotional well-being was regularly and severely affected by their children's sleep issues, the results indicated. The family tried various approaches to find ideas and assistance, but their efforts were often ineffective (French et al., 2023). Outcomes emphasize evaluating symptoms associated with inadequate sleep, such as waking minutes and waking after sleep initiation, for diagnosing and treating ADHD (Sidol et al., 2023). The present study is beginning in the right direction toward elucidating the confusing connection between the mean value of MVP and children's life satisfaction. Still, it must be replicated and expanded extensively (Li et al., 2021). According to the evaluated research, youngsters who have ADHD benefit greatly from participating in structured activities regularly. Practitioners will benefit from the study's findings because they will give direction for developing scientifically designed therapies for youngsters with ADHD (Thomas and Karuppali, 2022). Children and adolescents with ADHD may benefit greatly from regular physical activity in terms of reducing symptoms and enhancing their ability to focus and make decisions. Persistence in therapy may be improved by encouraging patients to engage in the kind of physical activity they find most enjoyable (Zhao et al., 2021).

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Study Design

The company cluster-randomized randomized experiment was conducted at an accredited public high school for twelve weeks. The randomized clusters were made up of individual schools. Students from ten different primary schools participated in the study and India. The 'control' and 'intervention' schools were selected by chance. A separate investigator who didn't participate in any other aspects of the study handled the randomization process. The outcomes of a 12-week recreational swimming program were evaluated about pre-existing parameters.

2.2. Participants

Forty children, age's nine to twelve, were diagnosed with ADHD at varied severity levels and participated in the research. The experimental and control groups' baseline characteristics are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 The initial characteristics of the control and experimental groups.

Adjustments	Trial squad (n=20)	Group under control (n=20)
Gender (Males/ Females)	3/18	2/19
Years	9.95 ± 1.32	9.75 ± 1.33
BMI (kg/m^2)	17.56 ± 2.92	17.54 ± 2.32
VO_2max (mL/L/min)	35.35 ± 2.09	35.79 ± 2.16
Height (m)	1.4 ± 2	1.4 ± 0.74
ADHD-C	10 (50%)	11 (55%)
ADHD-HI 6	6 (30%)	4 (20%)
Mass (kg)	34.92 ± 8.96	34.70 ± 6.7
ADHD-I	4 (20%)	5 (25%)
HR at Rest (bpm)	74.82 ± 4.09	74.82 ± 4.09

Utilizing a translation and validation of Conner's Measure, individuals were drawn from ten elementary schools in India. The participants were selected after undergoing a psychological evaluation with a psychologist. The conversation was accompanied. The Kiddie-schedule of Affective diseases and Schizophrenia is a semi-structured interview for diagnosing both current and lifetime types of psychotic diseases. It is a well-known standardized evaluation for examining emotionally oriented

illnesses. A passing score on an evidence-by-progress quantifier colored advancing matrix (QD) was also needed for each respondent. The organization possessed no developmental delays and used its right hand exclusively. The experiment's parental approval form and protocol were presented to them. Written informed permission was provided by parents or legal guardians. This permission might be revoked at any moment, either by the parents or a teenager.

2.3. Program for Intervention Training

Three highly qualified fitness instructors with extensive experience in aquatic exercise guided the swimming activities. Three times a week for a period of twelve weeks, swimming instruction is shown in table 2. The training program was created by El Kef29°F's in a 20-meter pool. The first part of the swimming classes focused on teaching children the basics and making them feel comfortable in the water. For the following four weeks, coaches and instructors in the water will work on technique refinement and data analysis. In the last four weeks, students have improved their overall motor efficiency by doing as many physical activities as possible, both via repetition of certain tasks and using diverse exercising techniques. The desired heart rate was then changed from 135 to 160 beats per minute by deducting 15 heartbeats to account for liquids.

2.4. Measure of Outcomes

During the beginning and again after the intervention, all measures were taken repeatedly. The identical investigation associates administered the tests at both periods using the same methods. The individuals' athletic ability was evaluated using physiological indicators of resting heart rate, maximum heart rate, and peaking utilization of oxygen. The junior hailing test was also used to evaluate inhibitory control. The child behavior checklist was used to assess behavioral and emotional processes; academic achievement was measured using final grade point average, math, and reading comprehension scores.

2.5. The Junior Hailing Test

The A and B components of the junior hailing exam were separated. Ten sentences, except the last word, made up each part. The word in component A that completes the phrase must fit properly after it. This set of directions was repeated whenever a kid gave a response that showed the meaning of words. The child was instructed to complete the sentence in Part B using a term that is illogical given the context of the statement. We moved on to the next stage if the delay was greater than sixty seconds. Both the reaction time and the words generated were noted for both sections. The reaction time was determined by subtracting the latencies in sections A and B from one another. Part B responses for the created words were graded according to how semantically close they were to the stimulus text. If the youngster came up with a term semantically connected to the statement, they were docked one point; if they only finished the sentence, they were docked three points. Both the created word and the reaction time have been recorded. The Additional Thinking Time (ATT) for the reaction time was computed by utilizing the variation in latencies between parts A and B.

2.6. The Child Behaviour Checklist (CBCL)

Caregivers reported using the version of the child behavior questionnaire for children ages four to eighteen, and it was verified that the questionnaire's purpose was to evaluate the skills and issues of the children. It is a crucial tool for determining how well children and adolescents meet their emotional, behavioral, and social requirements. A child's profile reveals their stance on many problems and symptoms. Each syndrome is made up of several issues that were discovered to occur together. Social difficulties, attention/hyperactivity issues, problem-solving difficulties, aggressive behavior, physiological complaints of withdrawal, anxiety, depression, and thinking difficulties are CBCL/4-18 diseases. The subscale of attention-hyperactivity items may be used to test for impairments in diagnosing ADHD. The questionnaire took parents around ten minutes to complete, and another 10-15 minutes were needed for the researcher to rate every young person's description manually.

2.7. Academic Performance

This is feasible to determine the "ranking" of a certain child's achievements in the group they belong to based on their educational circumstances. The curriculum and the outcomes a kid achieves regarding a certain "grade" are the foundations for the comprehensive academic assessment of the child. The "low," "medium," or "high" levels are the most common designations. The comparison of academic performance before and after the physical activity prescription was based on reading comprehension, math comprehension, and overall average test scores.

2.8. Statistical Analysis

SPSS for Windows was used to execute every statistical analysis. In implementing the change, a significance threshold of 0.5 was used. A test called outcomes on the hailing tasks was analyzed through the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test to see which ones followed a normal distribution. Academic performance and the assessment of behavioral co-morbidities were usually distributed in this study. The demographics of the physical and cognitive tasks, the students’t-test for matched samples, and the groups' respective pre- and post-intervention data were compared between the aquatic exercise group and the control

group. A mixed two ANOVA was performed along with the test-exercise interaction adjustment. The effect magnitude was computed using the ANOVA values. After a significant repeated measure ANOVA was found, a post hoc pairwise comparison was carried out. To determine whether the substantial disparity had been between subjects or within groups, the location of the difference was investigated using the follow-up paired analysis.

3. Results

These contained data matched the criteria of normalcy and homogeneity. There was a single significant distinction among the groups, according to the statistical methods and comparative analysis for determining whether the results of the requesting tasks were normally distributed; the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test was utilized Table 2 compares group changes for every test and shows the baseline homogeneity for variables between groups.

Table 2 The initial consistency of variables among groups.

Variables	Control group M ± SD	Experimental group M ± SD	p=values
HR at Rest (bpm)	74.85 ± 4.08	74.85 ± 4.08	1.01
Taking in actions	19.20 ± 7.06	19.15 ± 6.48	0.99
Externalizing actions	24.65 ± 1.91	26.10 ± 2.87	0.08
Aggressive behavior	16.55 ± 1.58	17.10 ± 1.56	0.28
Delinquent behavior	8.10 ± 0.73	9.00 ± 1.87	0.07
Anxiety/depression	7.50 ± 2.69	7.35 ± 2.59	0.87
Height	1.4 ± 0.74	1.4 ± 1.1	0.16
Weight	34.70 ± 6.60	34.95 ± 8.95	0.35
Age	9.75 ± 1.34	9.95 ± 1.32	0.71
Part A Hayling test	45.40 ± 16.88	49.85 ± 18.96	0.45
Part B Hayling test	88.55 ± 27.72	97.69 ± 41.14	0.43
EsB	20.35 ± 3.03	22.50 ± 3.72	0.06
Weight (kg)	34.70 ± 6.61	34.95 ± 8.95	0.93
VO2 peak	35.78 ± 2.17	35.35 ± 2.08	0.58
Interpreting markings	11.56±1.45	11.45 ± 1.46	0.84
Math	6.05 ± 2.12	5.95 ± 2.17	0.89
Pass marks	10.14 ± 0.93	10.057 ± 0.98	0.77
BMI	17.54 ± 2.32	17.56 ± 2.92	0.34

3.1. Maximum Oxygen Consumption

This autonomous vehicle, alongside estimated maximum oxygen consumption, was determined using Claude léger's Shuttle test, considering the purposes of sequential testing of vascular capability. Two cones surrounded the 20-meter running track where the competition was held. Each participant started off sprinting between two lines at a speed of 8.5 km/h and raised it by 0.5 km/h every minute until they were fully out of breath. To get to the right cone in time for the soundtrack signal, each participant must alter their running speed. When the subject lost the ability to move at the appropriate speed demanded by the beep or failed to arrive at the next cone in time, the test was over. An HR monitor captured HR during the Luc Léger examination. The findings of the repeated measures ANOVA showed that only the maximal oxygen consumption increased significantly in the control group after the intervention. The maximal oxygen spending scores of the regulated and experimental groups were not significantly different before the intervention, according to Bonferroni-adjusted article arbitrarily pairing distinctions; however, following the intervention, the experimental group's maximal oxygen utilization ratings were noticeably greater than the normative group's.

3.2. Hailing Test—Analysis of Temporal Data

The data indicates that, following a 12-week period, a statistically significant difference exists between the two groups with respect to the latency time needed to suppress a dominant response in component B. Figure 1 shows the Mean Hailing test completion percentages for the 2 groups both before and after the intervention.

The ratings for increased thinking time before and after the intervention are displayed for the two groups in Figure 2. ATT found that the training program had a major positive impact on the experimental group.

Prior to the intervention, there was no statistically significant difference in the ATT ratings between the experimental and control groups; however, following the intervention, the experimental group fared better than the untreated control cohort. Regarding the mistake score, the before- and after-training subgroups performed similarly in the mechanical condition. Still, instruction had a major influence on the experimental group's achievement in the second part of the examination.

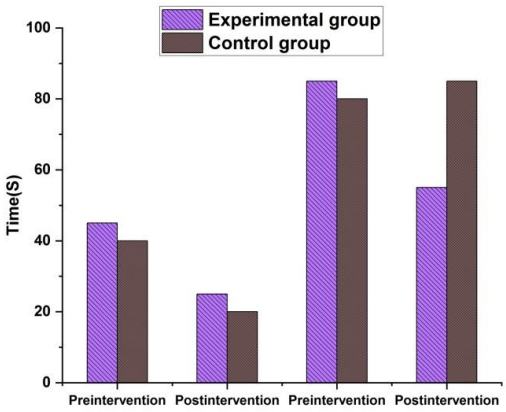

Figure 1 Average amount of time spent in both groups doing the Hailing test before and after the intervention.

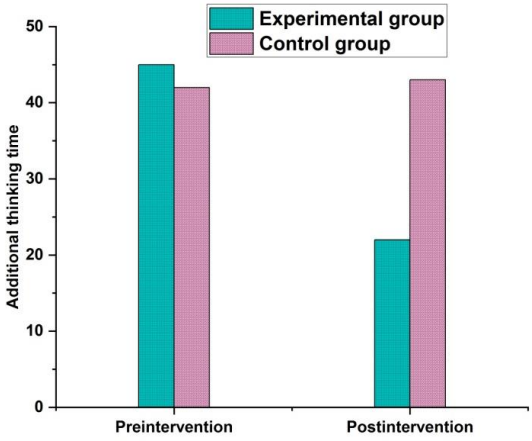

Figure 2 Scores for the two groups' additional thinking time before and after the intervention.

3.3. CBCL Tasks

The pre-test findings for the CBCL test's mean, ES, and SD in the experimental and control groups did not differ statistically significantly, as shown by Table 3 and Figure 3.

Table 3 The CBCL test results provide the mean, standard deviation, and ES.

Variables	Control group		Experimental group	
	Pre intervention	Post intervention	Pre intervention	Post intervention
Withdrawan	5.41	5.76	5.57	3.87
Somatic complaints	6.32	6.66	6.32	4.18
Anxious/depressed	7.51	7.61	7.36	4.45
Thought problems	7.45	7.56	6.82	4.56
Social problems	10.46	10.51	10.72	6.81
Attention problems	14.76	14.56	15.11	9.36
Delinquent behavior	8.12	8.36	9.01	4.91
Aggressive behavior	16.56	16.36	17.12	9.76
Internalizing behavior	19.21	20.01	17.11	12.56
Extenalizing behavior	24.66	24.71	26.12	14.66

Throughout the workout program, despite this, parents in the experimental group reported lower CBCL ratings for their children than adults in the comparison group. First, there was a significant group-by-time interaction in favour of the experimental group on the measures measuring expressing conduct. Bonferroni-adjusted subsequent comparisons between pairs showed that children in the experimental group had considerably fewer social issues and aggressive conduct. Significant improvements in externalizing behavior and decreases in social problems were seen in the treatment group after that. Compared to the control group, whereas pre-intervention, there were no significant differences between the two groups across any CBCL measures. After receiving treatment, those in the experimental group had fewer attention issues, had less delinquent behaviour, were more reserved, and used less oxygen than those in the comparison condition. The relationship analysis additionally indicated that the scores on every statistic measuring absorbing behavior (Table 4) were substantially lower after the exercise intervention. There was a significant reduction in physical symptoms, anxiety/depression, cognitive issues, and

being distant. There were no substantial variations among the control and experimental groups on internalizing measures of withdrawal, somatic symptoms, or externalizing difficulties before the intervention, as determined by comparisons of pairs. The study participants indicated a substantial post-intervention enhancement in physical discomfort, anxious/depressed thinking, and withdrawal difficulties.

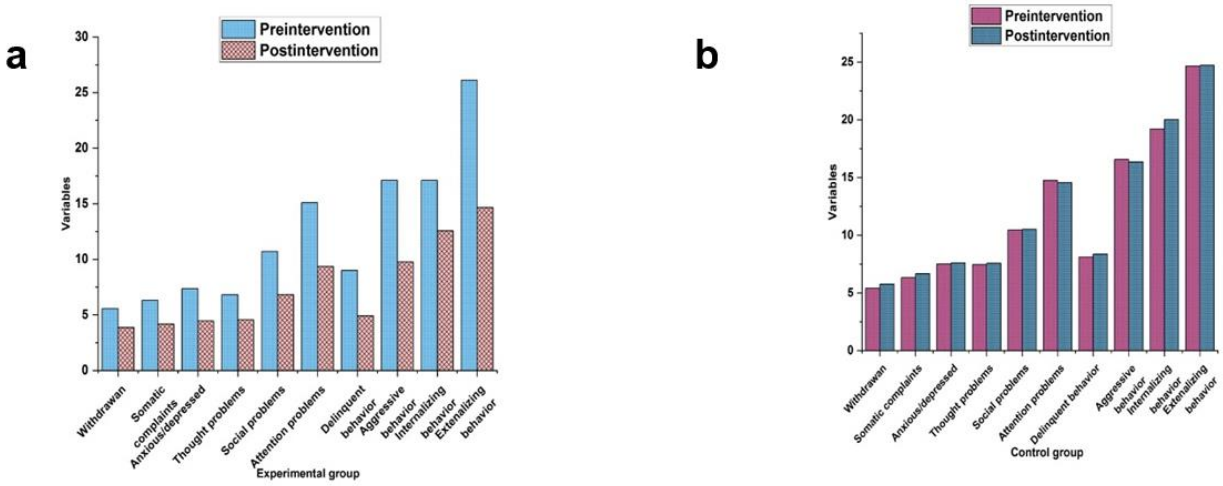

Figure 3 ES, mean, and standard deviation for the CBCL test.

3.4. Academic Performance

Pre-test scores showed no statistically significant variations in knowledge between the two groups table 4 and figure 4 depicts the Mean, standard deviation, and effect size for the academic performance.

Table 4 Mean, standard deviation, and ES for the CBCL test.

Control group	Variables	
	Preintervention	Postintervention
Reading	11.56	11.26
Math	6.07	5.86
Pass mark	10.16	10.19

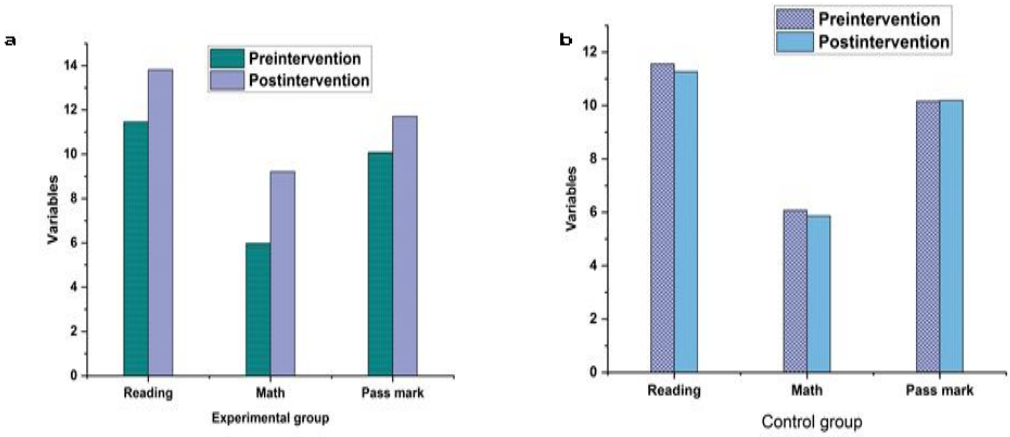

Figure 4 Mean, standard deviation, and effect size for the academic performance.

The follow-up test changes in academic achievement have been demonstrated to be substantial after training. There was a significant improvement in the controlled group's pass rates, comprehension of text evaluations, and mathematics scores following exercising. There were no significant differences in reading comprehension scores between the experimental and control groups before the intervention. Still, after the intervention, the experimental group outperformed the control group by a large margin. There were didn't significant changes in arithmetic scores between the experimental and control groups preceding the intervention were conducted. Still, after the procedure, the experimental group outperformed the control group by a wide margin. There was no significant disparity in comprehension of literature scores between the experimental and control groups before the intervention. Still, afterward, the experimental group outperformed the control group by a substantial amount.

3.5. Discussion

This study looked at how a Twelve-week social swimming program had an impact on disruptive behavior, academic achievement, and cognitive test results of children with ADHD. The experimental group's improved performance on the CBCL and Hayling tests indicates that the applied exercise program improved the behavioral and cognitive functioning of children with ADHD. The academic performance of the youngsters in the experimental group also increased in both reading comprehension and mathematics. Therefore, it may be reasonable to explore organized recreational swimming activities as a means of helping youngsters with ADHD (Shema-Shiratzky et al., 2019). Consistent with other studies, we discovered that an exercise program improved response inhibition among youngsters with ADHD. In this research, the swimming's physical capability was measured using a valid and trustworthy indirectly land-based test. After swimming, direct and indirect methods are used to calculate an athlete's oxygen consumption (Xin et al., 2019). In this study, the intervention group participated in regular swimming sessions, whereas the control group did not. As a result, individuals' fitness levels were first evaluated based on their peak oxygen consumption. With the use of this test, we were able to evaluate how much oxygen was used by each group. As hypothesized and validated by prior research, the intervention group in the current study did experience physiological improvements (Dwyer et al., 2021). The study by Hung and Piek et colleagues. Found that exercising centered on increasing attentiveness in the effort is associated with better motor abilities and cognitive functioning. Therefore, swimming exercises may help youngsters with ADHD with their neurocognitive abilities and inhibitory control. One of the best ways to improve your mind, body, and social life is to go swimming (Summers et al., 2020). This is because swimming instruction's structure and routine let swimmers develop their own racing strategy through decision-making in a safe environment. Another study looking at the correlation between PE and grades found that sixth and seventh graders with higher aerobic fitness and behavior test scores had higher averages in both reading and arithmetic. The new study confirms the positive effects of exercise on academic performance, such as increased focus and attentiveness, as shown in earlier research. Still, one may have anticipated such mathematical progress. Children free of mental health problems are more likely to benefit from exercise and movement in terms of academic achievement. This is due to a correlation between increased motor proficiency and enhanced mathematical reasoning and learning. The authors of this study analyzed the results of swimming training on children with ADHD in terms of their emotional well-being, cognitive abilities, and motor skills. The training group showed improvements in their lower limb coordination and lateralization, flexibility, belly resistance, cognition, stress, depression, and selective attention after they started the aquatic exercise program (Rockne et al., 2019). These results corroborate those of the current study. Academic success is correlated with both cognitive and muscular abilities, and physical education, exercise, and physical activity all improve these domains. Professionals with a variety of theoretical backgrounds have used games to help children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder operate better (Busch et al., 2020). Neuroelectrical adaptation may explain how physical activity reduces ADHD dysfunction associated with inhibitory control. For example, neuroelectric adaptation may account for the beneficial effects of exercise on inhibitory control-related ADHD dysfunctions. The effects of aerobic exercise on short-term cognitive outcomes and discovered that participants' P3 magnitudes and latencies were greater. Acute exercise may help to enhance neuroelectric activity. P3's amplitude and latency indicate the relative importance of different aspects of perception and recognition processes as well as their speed. The orbit frontal region of the prefrontal lobe and the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex showed damage in the study's ADHD group. Cognitive process regulation, Decision-making, and executive functioning all depend on these areas. Exercising has been associated with an increase in the discharge of dopamine. Impacts whether these regions work, providing a different mechanism that may aid inhibition control in ADHD youngsters. In the current study's last step, the experimental group played aquatic swimming activities throughout their sessions. Motivating children to exercise may be challenging, but games with unique and amusing approaches might help. It's possible that this helps maintain and explains the intervention's beneficial outcomes. Swimming regularly has several health advantages for children and adolescents with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and schools and educational institutions should advocate for this option in their areas. Low-intensity swimming for ninety minutes a day, three times a week, may be beneficial for students whose ADHD condition is affecting their ability to acquire and retain material.

Certain restrictions must be considered, and initially had a rather small sample size, which is consistent with other research. Improved sample recruitment and diagnosis presented a significant challenge to the investigation. Improvements in the research's applicant recruiting method are needed if scientists are to provide useful findings on ADHD for youngsters. Future studies should look at how the exercise intervention affects ADHD in children with usual development as this study included children with ADHD. The impact of the medications on gender was not examined, even though the experiment included both female and male ADHD youngsters. Significant differences in the two sexes' post-exercise performance on cognitive tests have been found in earlier research. Researching how gender influences ADHD children's mental, behavioural, and emotional development is crucial.

4. Conclusion

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is associated with detrimental impacts on psychological well-being, family dynamics, and academic achievement. The effectiveness of alternative therapy for this condition is unclear. Consequently, there has been a rise in research on the efficacy of exercise as a treatment for children with ADHD. In conclusion, there are substantial real-world ramifications of this study's findings. Our study demonstrated that children with ADHD benefited from a 12-week recreational swimming program in terms of their conduct, cognition, and school performance. Swimming as a form of leisure exercise showed promise for helping youngsters with ADHD, according to the study's authors. Physical education instructors and sports medical practitioners may benefit from this study's training m ethodology.

Ethical considerations

This study follows ethical publication standards. The authors have complete responsibility for the content and conduct of the research.

Conflict of Interest

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